

Achievements

Waste Prevention

2 tons of paper
62 tons of organics

Recycling Collection

347 tons of paper
3 tons of plastic
157 tons of metals

Buy-Recycled

\$1 million spent

NASA Launches Green Team

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's various WasteWise activities demonstrate its hard work to successfully reduce solid waste. In addition to launching a 'green team' in 1998 to promote waste prevention and recycling activities, Goddard Space Flight Center reduced nearly 3 tons of paper waste and saved \$10,600 through a series of office waste reduction programs, including switching to an electronic employee newsletter.

"Technology is becoming the biggest saver of paper in our Center. As organizations find themselves in budget crunches, more and more are looking at putting information on the Internet to save on printing and paper costs," explains Darlene Walter, Environmental Protection Specialist. Goddard also recycled paper, plastic, and metal and composted yard waste. Furthermore, the facility reported purchasing nearly \$1 million of recycled-content products.



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Teaming Up with WasteWise

Imagine you
were given an
enormous task.

A task that
could be very
difficult to
accomplish
on your own.

Why go it
alone when an
established team
is already in
place to help?

Being WasteWise Is Free, Flexible, and Rewarding

Sign Up.

Simply fill out and send in the enclosed registration form or register online at www.epa.gov/wastewise. Federal partners can sign up as headquarters, a bureau, a region, an individual facility, or other agency unit.

Set Goals.

A WasteWise partner representative will assist you in identifying practical and measurable goals, tailored to your specific needs, in the core program areas of waste prevention, recycling collection, and buying recycled-content products. To accommodate EO 13101 directives, WasteWise designed a flexible 5-year goal implementation period for federal partners.

Track and Report Progress.

Once you set goals and begin implementing the program, monitor your program's progress. Update WasteWise on your accomplishments at the beginning of each calendar year.

Be Recognized.

In addition to all the products and services offered by WasteWise, EPA provides national and local recognition for your successful waste reduction efforts. WasteWise highlights partner achievements through publicized events including regional and national forums, recognition certificates, press releases, EPA publications (both printed and on the Internet), and the annual Partner of the Year awards program.



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How Does Teaming Up with WasteWise Help?



Through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) WasteWise Program, federal agencies can do more to stretch limited resources, improve operational efficiencies, and minimize the environmental impacts of their everyday activities. Hundreds of other governments, major corporations, and institutions have reaped the benefits of this national network. WasteWise can also help your agency comply with Executive Order (EO) 13101 directives to prevent waste, recycle, and buy recycled-content products.

WasteWise has already helped nearly 1,000 of America's leading businesses, institutions, and governments save over \$830 million in avoided disposal costs, prevent more than 2.4 million tons of waste, and recycle 24 million tons. With this proven track record, WasteWise offers an established framework to help your agency meet EO 13101 directives. WasteWise will assist you in designing EO 13101/WasteWise goals; provide technical assistance on municipal solid waste issues; and help you measure and quantify waste prevention, recycling collection, and buy-recycled activities.

Established in 1994, WasteWise is a free, voluntary partnership program designed to assist and challenge organizations to find savings through innovative waste reduction activities. Every day, WasteWise partners demonstrate that solid waste reduction cuts costs and increases efficiency.

WasteWise Brings EO 13101 Alive

Executive Order 13101

Directs Federal Agencies to:

- ★ Implement cost-effective waste prevention, recycling, and buy-recycled programs.
- ★ Set goals, track and measure results, and report progress.
- ★ Design, implement, and document programs and results.
- ★ Provide internal recognition for successful efforts.

EPA's WasteWise Program:

- ★ Provides focused information and experience on waste prevention, recycling collection, and buy-recycled programs.
- ★ Provides individualized technical assistance to set goals, track results, and report annual progress.
- ★ Offers a well-developed approach to program design, implementation, and documentation of results.
- ★ Assembles local and national recognition events to promote partners' successful efforts.



U.S. Postal Service Delivers Results

"The U.S. Postal Service [USPS] Northeast Area has greatly improved its commitment to waste reduction through standard operating procedures. We've been busy training more than 1,000 postmasters about waste prevention, recycling collection, and purchasing products made with recycled content, and our efforts are really paying off," says Charles Vidich, the Northeast Area Environmental Compliance Coordinator. Remarkably, this USPS region has reduced its solid waste by 50 percent since 1992.

In 1998, USPS Northeast Area reported saving \$76,000 by eliminating more than 1,000 tons of undeliverable bulk mail by working with its mailers on improved addressing and mail list management. The Northeast Area donated off-specification and obsolete materials to local charities and recycled more than 44,250 tons of paper, plastic, metal, and wood. In addition, savings from recycling activities reached \$2.3 million. The Northeast Area spent \$3.7 million on recycled-content products, and the nine USPS districts in the region tested and approved the use of 30 percent postconsumer paper made from undeliverable mail, proving that closed-loop systems are viable. For delivering outstanding results, USPS Northeast Area received the 1999 WasteWise Federal Government Partner of the Year award.



Achievements

- Waste Prevention**
1,000 tons of bulk mail
- Recycling Collection**
41,500 tons of paper
106 tons of plastic
1,000 tons of metals
1,650 tons of wood
- Buy-Recycled**
\$3.7 million spent

Rocky Flats Reduces Mountains of Wastes

Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, a U.S. Department of Energy facility, is proving to be adept at reducing its waste. "Rocky Flats' waste prevention, recycling, and affirmative procurement activities are successful because we have a well-instilled culture of environmental stewardship on site. WasteWise gives us ideas and focus for our waste prevention goals," says Carol Patnoe, Pollution Prevention Program Manager.

By switching to online employee phone books, Rocky Flats eliminates nearly 5 tons of paper and saves \$30,000 each year in printing, graphics, and preparation costs. In addition, the online phone book is easier to use, frequently updated, instantly accessible, and easily transferable. Rocky Flats also eliminated approximately 6 tons of paper and saved \$7,000 by using electronic media for other documents. Besides recycling paper, plastic, and metal, Rocky Flats spent more than \$636,000 on recycled-content products and donated or sold 36,000 pieces of equipment, machinery, computers, and furniture from buildings scheduled for demolition.

CLOSURE



ROCKY FLATS CLOSURE PROJECT

Achievements

- Waste Prevention**
5 tons of phone books
6 tons of office paper
- Recycling Collection**
341 tons of paper
2.5 tons of plastic
850 tons of metals
- Buy-Recycled**
\$636,000 spent